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Dear Kurt,

We both thank you for the beautiful card and the appreciate message on it.

And as Lil already has, for a really beautiful azalea.

When she has time she'll learn whether it is hardy.

Thanks, too, for those Fourth Decades. I'll go over them, take anything I want and pass the rest along.

I do not subscribe to any of those publications and have found that, by and large at their best they are usually worthless. Most of those writing for them are ego-trippers, not infrequently with high opinions of themselves and usually with knowledge of or interest in the established fact.

For example, I'd been sent that DeVries piece in one of those issues, I think September's. He still thinks that there is relevance in the tramps and faulted me because I ignored them in what I wrote. he did not speak to me. Thus he did not know that I forced two investigations of them in 1968 and knew they had no relevance. Or in saying that he was told that I'd dictated half the book, as he'd assumed, by one who requested anonymity. I never even suggested that to anyone, nobody ever asked me about it and there was no truth to it in an degree.

Almost all of those who write for it theorize conspiracies they cannot prove and nothing else makes much difference to them. They, Rose included, do not like me because I debunk conspiracies and fabrication when there seems to be a point in it.

Hope you can make it again, and again thanks,

with best wishes,

Harold